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1. Bulgarian government-in-exile may be formed--US Ambassador Peurifoy in Athens has learned [redacted] that Georgi M. Dimitrov, former Agrarian Party leader in Bulgaria, is planning an early announcement of a Bulgarian government-in-exile, with himself as president. Peurifoy believes the announcement of a government-in-exile would not be well received by Bulgarians at home or abroad. [redacted]
2. Tibetan delegation starts for Peiping--US Embassy New Delhi reports that, as a result of instructions from Lhasa, all members of the Tibetan delegation (which has been engaged in preliminary conversations with the Chinese Communist Ambassador in New Delhi regarding the problem of Tibet's sovereignty) will depart for Calcutta immediately, en route to Peiping for a continuation of the negotiations. [redacted]

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3. INDOCHINA: Bao Dai plans to develop "National Army" soon--US Minister Heath in Saigon reports that, during the presentation of his credentials to Bao Dai, the Vietnamese chief of state declared that "he had personally assigned himself the mission" of forming the Vietnamese National Army. Bao Dai remarked that previous delays in the formation of this force were due to French fears that it might turn against them, and stated that "there was no danger for the French" in a Vietnamese Army formed and commanded by himself. Commenting on the French desire to maintain direct command of Vietnamese troops and to build newly-formed units around French cadres, Bao Dai declared that such a system "simply would not work." In response to Minister Heath's query as to how soon a "definite plan" for the formation of the National Army would be ready, Bao Dai stated "within a month."

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4. THE PHILIPPINES: Possibility of Huk attacks reported--
The US Naval Attache in Manila reports that the Philippine armed forces now "recognize the serious possibility" of wide-scale Huk attacks during early November, including political assassinations in Manila and its environs. The Attache points out that some information regarding Huk plans was obtained recently from "strong" interrogations of Communist suspects; he considers this information reliable.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes the Huks may conduct widespread raids on Luzon during November and may even attempt to create disturbances in Manila. However, alerted Philippine security forces are considered capable of preventing such disturbances from reaching serious proportions.)

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